

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Art Unit: 1793

Applicants: STEPHEN M. POTTER
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MATERIAL TO BE CHARGED IN DIRECT REDUCTION PROCESS

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Charlotte, North Carolina
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Honorable Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated 17 December 2009, kindly enter the following amendment to the claims and consider the following Remarks.

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